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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY ITEMS

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION HERE IS AN ITEM FROM THE SUMMARY
(JUNE 23) BASED ON FBIS ITEMS ALONG WITH INR COMMENT:

TEXT:

IN A JUNE 22 AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT
MOSCOW STRONGLY DEFENDED ITS POLICY IN AFRICA AND SHARPLY
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CORRUPT REGIMES OR PRIVILEGES INHERITED FROM THE COLONIAL
PAST" AND CHARGED THAT THE US, WHILE MAKING "HYPOCRITICAL"
DECLARATIONS ABOUT DETENTE'S INDIVISIBILITY, IS ACTING CON-
TRARY TO THAT PRINCIPLE;

--WARNED THAT THE EMERGENCE OF "COLLECTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE

POLITICAL-MILITARY ACTIONS" BY THE WEST UNDER US GUIDANCE AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN FORCE IN ZAIRE REPRESENT A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT; AND

--CHARGED THAT THE WEST'S "VICIOUS ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN" AND SHAMELESS SLANDER OF THE USSR, CUBA AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" STATES IS DESIGNED TO SOW MISTRUST IN THE USSR AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" STATES AND TO JUSTIFY THE WEST'S INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE.

WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET POLICY, THE STATEMENT DENIED THAT SOVIET AND CUBAN AID TO ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE AND SPECIFICALLY REITERATED SUPPORT FOR THE RHODESIAN PARTIOTIC FRONT AND SWAPO. MORE GENERALLY, IT PLEDGED THAT THE USSR WOULD CONTINUE TO DO "EVERYTHING DEPENDING ON IT" AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH OTHERS IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO "IMPERIALIST" INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, TO PROMOTE "EQUAL RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES," AND TO ASSURE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREE EXISTENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN PRINCIPLES.

INR COMMENT (UNDERLINE): THE STATEMENT IS CLEARLY MOSCOW'S AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE TO RECENT WESTERN, PARTICULARLY US, CRITICISM OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. IT PUTS FORTH NO NEW POLICY INITIATIVES, AND ITS STRONG

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DEFENSE OF SOVIET ACTIVISM AND SHARP ATTACK ON US POLICY INDICATE MOSCOW'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE PURSUIT OF ITS INTERESTS IN AFRICA. NEVERTHELESS, THE STATEMENT ALSO EXPLICITLY EXPRESSES SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THOSE WHO ACCEPT SHARED PRINCIPLES AND THUS CAREFULLY KEEPS OPEN POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

2. ALSO FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A RELATED ANALYSIS ITEM FROM TODAY SUMMARY.

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--THE COMMENTARY REPRESENTED A SERIOUS SOVIET ANSWER TO THE PRESIDENT'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH AND TO THE DELIBERATELY "TOUGH" LINE THE US HAS ADOPTED TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION;

--WASHINGTON IS CAREFULLY STUDYING THE ARTICLE, AND AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE WILL BE FORTHCOMING;

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